

Please substitute the drawing sheets presenting Figs. 3-11, with the attached substitute sheets of those Figures which are labeled "Replacement Sheet".

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections of this application in the light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Specification

The Examiner objected to the Specification because of various informalities. The Specification has been amended to remove the informalities. A substitute specification is submitted herewith pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(b) because of the extensive number of changes. In the substitute specification, Applicant has included the following expressions:

"The fuse assembly includes an electrically insulating hollow casing 1 of a substantially rectangular parallelepiped shape in outline as shown in Fig. 6, and a fuse element or fuse link 4 provided in the casing 1 and supported to the casing 1. The electrically insulating casing 1 has first and second spheroidal concaves 5, 5' provided therein. The first and second spheroidal concaves 5, 5' are disposed side by side along a longitudinal direction of the electrically insulating casing 1 and partially overlap each other in the longitudinal direction of the casing 1 in such a manner that inner foci of the spheroidal concaves 5, 5' are overlapped with each other." (please see Page 8, lines 10-19, of the

substitute specification)

Though the underlined contents were not included in the original specification, it is believed that such contents can be reasonably seen from Figures 4 and 6.

In view of the extensive amendments to the specification, it is believed that the Examiner's objection is overcome.

The Claims

Claim 1 has been canceled. New claim 3 has been added to define the subject matter of the claimed invention with greater precision so that the Examiner can comprehend the nature of Applicant's claimed fuse assembly. Claim 2 was withdrawn from consideration as a result of an election requirement. Also, new claim 4 dependent upon new Claim 3 has been added.

The Election of Species:

The Examiner required the Applicant to elect a single species of the claimed invention for purposes of prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby affirms his election of the species shown in Figs. 4-8 as set forth in Claims 3 and 4.

Under 37 CFR 1.146 Applicant is entitled to have claims directed to a reasonable number of species. The Examiner has identified two (2) different species disclosed in this application. Applicant submits that two different species is not an unreasonable number of species. Therefore, upon allowance of Claims 3 and 4, Applicant reserves the right to include Claim 2 drawn to the non-elected species.

The Drawings

The Examiner has indicated in the Official Action that the drawing sheet presenting Fig. 10 and 11 should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" since numbers of the drawings have been changed (i.e. from original Fig. 8 and 9 to Fig. 10 and 11, respectively). Also, the Examiner has indicated that new Fig. 9 (as amended) is completely dark and is not readable. New Figures 9-11 are submitted herewith. In order to comply with the amended specification, new Figures 3-8 are also submitted herewith. Marked-up copy of the original Figures 3-8 showing the locations of the changes in red are also attached hereto.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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